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VISIT OF NEW TOWNS TEAM TO U.S.S.R.

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CURRENT STATUS OF PREPARATIONS FOR VISIT OF U.S. NEW TOWNS
TEAM IS AS FOLLOWS:

1. TIMING

HUD (RASSIAS) PHONED A. SIPKO 9:30 A.M. THURSDAY, JANUARY 22
BUT IN LATTER'S ABSENCE MANAGED TO REACH VLADIMIR NOVIKOV OF
GOSGRAHANDANSTROY. RASSIAS REPEATED MESSAGE PASSED TO SIPKO
IN JANUARY 20 PHONE CALL THAT MR. MEEKER REGRETTEED THAT HIS
SOVIET CO-CHAIRMAN KUDRYAVTSEV WOULD BE
ON LEAVE DURING SCHEDULED FEBRUARY 8-20 VISIT OF U.S. TEAM,
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BUT MEEKER COULD NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR MARCH VISIT AND THUS

REQUESTED HOLDING VISIT TO FEBRUARY 8-20 DATES.

2. U.S. DELEGATION

RASSIAS ALSO INFORMED NOVIKOV THAT LATEST INDICATION IS THAT U.S. TEAM MIGHT POSSIBLY NUMBER TEN (10) PERSONS, INCLUDING PERHAPS SENATOR BROOKE OF MASSACHUSETTS BUT THAT THIS WOULD BE CONFIRMED. RASSIAS ASKED AND RECEIVED NOVIKOV'S CONCURRENCE THAT (A) U.S. TEAM COULD COME ON FEBRUARY 8 AS ORIGINALLY PROPOSED AND (B) A DELEGATION OF TEN WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE. NOVIKOV REQUESTED ONLY THAT NAMES AND TITLES OF DELEGATES BE PASSED TO HIM SOONEST. DELEGATION WILL INCLUDE FOLLOWING:

(1) DAVID O. MEEKER, ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT, HUD; ARCHITECT, FAIA.

(2) RONALD D. STEGALL, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY (INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS), HUD; U.S. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF U.S.-U.S.S.R. HOUSING AND OTHER CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT. (L. WAYNE GERTMENIAN HAS RESIGNED FROM HUD.)

(3) JACK A. UNDERHILL, PROGRAM ANALYSIS OFFICER, NEW COMMUNITIES ADMINISTRATION, HUD.

(4) HAROLD T. JORGENSEN, PLANNING OFFICER, BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR.

(5) WARREN T. LINDQUIST, PERSONAL ASSISTANT TO DAVID ROCKEFELLER FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS.

(6) LESTER GROSS, PRESIDENT, HARBISON DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, SOUTH CAROLINA.

(7) WILLIAM A. BARNES, SENIOR DEVELOPMENT OFFICER, HOWARD RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, COLUMBIA, MD.

3. ITINERARY

BASED ON SIPKO'S RECOMMENDATION DURING JANUARY 14 HUD TELECON, UNCLASSIFIED

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MEEKER AGREES TO DELETION OF KIEV BUT WOULD APPRECIATE RETAINING KARAGANDA. IF KARAGANDA DROPPED, WOULD LIKE SUBSTITUTION OF SIMILAR "ENERGY" NEW TOWN(S) IN KAZAKHSTAN, OR IN DONETS BASIN. (MEEKER WELCOMES SCIOFF PARTICIPATION IN NABEREZHNYE CHELNY SEGMENT, OR IN ENTIRE STUDY TOUR, AND EMBASSY MAY SO REPORT TO SOVIETS IF IN EMBASSY'S VIEW THIS IS FEASIBLE THOUGH U.S. DELEGATION MAY NUMBER TEN PERSONS IN ALL OR PART OF STUDY TOUR.)

4. ACTION REQUESTED

PLEASE CONTACT SIPKO SOONEST AND (1) CONFIRM TIMING AND ITINERARY OF U.S. DELEGATION, (2) CONVEY NAMES AND TITLES OF TEAM MEMBERS, AND (3) INFORM THAT NAMES OF ANY ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF TEAM WILL BE COMMUNICATED SOONEST. (SENATOR BROOKE'S PARTICIPATION IS ONLY TENTATIVE AT THIS TIME AND SEPARATE COMMUNICATIONS WILL FOLLOW IF THIS IS CONFIRMED, PROBABLY EARLY NEXT WEEK.) WHEN CONFIRMATION OF DATES FOR VISIT IS RECEIVED, U.S. SIDE WILL SEND FLIGHT ITINERARY OF DELEGATION. ROBINSON

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